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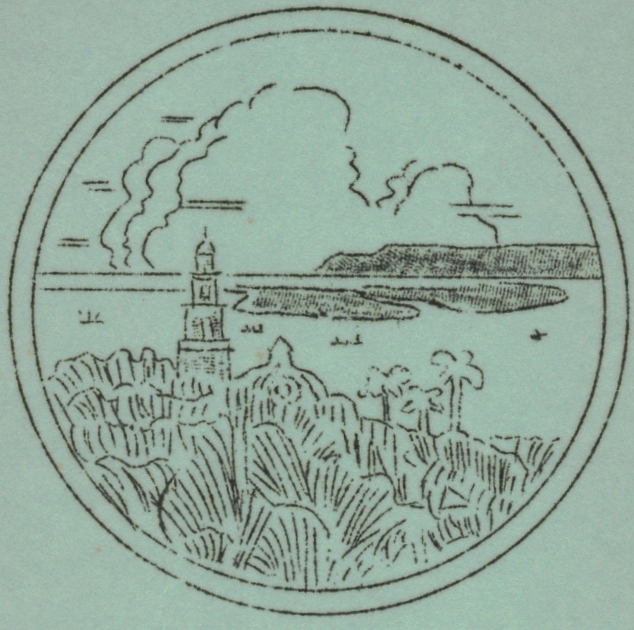

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MALAMALA -- LET US UPHOLD AND SPREAD ABROAD THE LIGHT!

A Page for Christmas Time and the New Year

The Christmas Tree, dotted with lights and bright with tinsel that reflects those lights and multiplies them manifold, is an old pre-Christian symbol used by the peoples of Northern Europe at the time of the Winter Solstice; and here is the inner significance of it:

Have you never heard of the World-Tree with its roots in the realms of spirit and whose branches are the great suns and systems of suns? This World-Tree began in the beginning of this Cosmic Age to bring forth all the stellar hosts. Now the Winter Solstice is the beginning of the Cosmic New Year, and so these northern peoples knowing some of the ancient truths, celebrated this cosmic event with the Christmas tree. It symbolizes the World-Tree, and the lights are the suns that bestrew the depths of space, hinting to us the message from the divinities who constantly give us the light of love, of mind, and of hope eternal. But so far have we fallen from the wisdom of our forefathers, that now the Christmas tree has become merely a sign of festivity, except for the few who preserve its significance in their hearts.

The giving of gifts on the Christmas tree was emblematic of the self-dedication of the Gods so that worlds might come into being. "Here is my gift. It is born from myself".

- G. de Purucker-

Strength never comes through idleness, nor through waiting for another to bear your load, but when you do your best, and do your work, you offer a sacrifice most pleasing to God's sight. Then the Holy One breathes deep upon your glowing sacrificial coals. The most efficient prayer that man can offer to a God of any kind, is helpfulness to those in need of help; for what you do for other men the Holy One will do for you. And thus God helps.

- The Aquarian Gospel-

A SEASONAL MESSAGE

From ARAKASHI, a Philosopher of India, and
the Chinese Sage LAO-TSE or LaoTzu --

Good afternoon! I am Arakashi. I have not been here for several weeks now, but in my world there are many things to occupy us, just as it is with you in yours. Now I think, as you have asked for it, I will endeavor to give you a little talk on your Christ-Mass.

It is probably well understood by all of you that the man Christ - I should say, the man Jesus and the Master Christ, is today, after nearly 2000 years, still sadly misunderstood and misquoted. My desire is not to refute these statements, but to add one or two things to this confused mass. The destroying of one set of so - called facts and the adding of new facts does not really straighten out a difficulty at all, because you have no way of knowing which is true. There is and has been a great deal of talk concerning the 'virgin birth' of Jesus. It seems to be considered his saving grace that he was 'born of a virgin'! Material virginity! This always, in my opinion, seems to cast a dark shadow over him. It leaves him guilty of the blame of our so-called moral attitude toward our women - not only of his generation but of all generations, which of course is ridiculous.

The "virgin birth" merely means that the man was born in wisdom - a born genius - a man or an entity returning to physical life with great learning already possessed.

(Question: He had been here before, then?)

Jesus, like all humans, had lived his round of births - an entity who had completed the Karmic wheel, and after reaching a certain age fully realized that he had completed his earth experience. And then of course the White Brotherhood of that period fully realized also, that here was a man who was to go on and not re - turn to the world of suffering. That is, he had completed the Wheel, had great knowledge and understanding of the operations of the physical world, and complete mastery of the elements, because he had complete control of the machine called the brain.

(Question: Was he known as a great one when he was here before?)

Yes, he was.

(Q. Had he a name known to us?)

No.

(Q. Was his earlier incarnation in our historical period?)

H-m-m-m, yes! Your difficulty in making history is the attempt you make to prove with time, and form time to your own way of thinking. It is quoted in your bible that Christ said, "You shall perform even greater miracles than I". He healed the sick, raised the dead and so on, because he had complete control. And yet, in spite of his teachings, your Churches contradict and counteract everything he said by saying you are 'sinners' - that you are lost unless saved by his Grace. Do the people know what 'his Grace' is? Saved by his wisdom! He taught that you, too, must learn life, learn to grasp the significance of physical living; because this, your physical world, is of paramount importance to all the planes.

You say 'Why must we come back again and again?' Truly, in your own schools if you cannot advance in one class you must stay there until you do. And life is a school. Physical life is the most important part of that schooling. Things you have neglected to learn there, after you have passed over into my world, you must come back and learn. You cannot learn them in the plane I am in, nor in any other plane. And the thing you must learn there is mastery of life. And the mastery of self is the mastery of life.

It is hardly to be wondered at that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was bowed down to and made an idol of. People (not in 'ignorance', because that is a crude word, but in their not-knowing) always bow down and worship that which they do not understand, because they fear it more than they love it. To love is to be completely without fear. That, your Christ tried to teach: "Fear not, I am with thee." I AM - WISDOM - is with thee; and in Wisdom there is nothing to fear.

(Q. What did he mean by 'even unto the end of the world'?)

"The end of the world!" Like all things pertaining to life, like man - worlds follow a cycle of vibrating life into a period of quiescence, and Christ tried to teach, " Do not fear this state of quiescence" - for nothing exists but what it is something; life cannot be blotted out.

Your Catholic Church, after putting those who are born with the inner sight and who express that sight, through much misery, after they have passed over in a few hundred years makes "saints" out of them! What do they care about being made a saint? And so with the Christ. Do the Churches think they do him great honor in making him a God, when he was already a God? It is mockery! But not only the Roman Catholic Church, but many others also, carry it on. No! Man must begin to realize that he is born of Love, and that love is attraction of its own love --

(Q. But have not all such great souls been persecuted?)

Yes - because the black side of life tries to blot out the Light and keep the world in darkness. But man was not born of evil, but, coming into physical life, he became blinded to his true source and lost himself in the jungle of living, never setting aside a few moments to find his way back, through understanding, to his Godhead.

(Q. Then evil is man's own creation?)

Yes, it is. In all things there are two sides, the positive and the negative. In your chemicals, in your mental activity, in all things! If you desire to work on the negative side of life, go right ahead. You will only bring a great deal of suffering to yourself eventually. Time is without end. The laws of Nature do not demand that you complete whatever you set out to do, in a moment, in a day, or in a thousand years. You design your own ends, and those ends you are left to enjoy or suffer in. Do you suppose, for instance, that your Christ on the Cross cried out, "O, God - Why hast Thou forsaken me?" He did not, for he understood perfectly what was to take place - and that he had no other choice than to sacrifice the physical body in a last desperate attempt to prove to the blind, the cruel, and the stupid, not that there was a God, but that man was capable of becoming a God.

(Q. Then those words attributed to him are sheer invention?)

Sheer invention - by your priestcraft, by the opposers of good and of wisdom! God - Good - merely means HARMONY -- to follow the harmonious course of life, which after all is the intelligent thing to do if you are going to enjoy life, if you are going to learn, and to live at peace with yourself.

I am not desirous of criticising any religion. Men and nations must seek their own course. It is not up to one individual to tell another that his way is right. Even Christ did not do this. "Follow me and you will live in harmony, you will live in peace - in Paradise." But, Paradise 'up there', thousands of miles away? NO! PARADISE RIGHT HERE! - - Good afternoon.

(Trance communication through Mark Probert
Dec. 19, 1948. 1:28 to 1:55 p.m.)

(A Seasonal Message: Con.

LAO*TSE * - - - - - - - - -

Good afternoon! I am Lao-Tse.

(Q. Have you any special message for the New Year to give us, Lao-Tse?)

ONLY THIS - THAT EACH ONE OF YOU, ON THE OPENING OF THE NEW YEAR, SET ASIDE AT LEAST A HALF-HOUR FOR MEDITATION UPON THE ADVANCEMENT OF YOUR OWN MINDS. LATER, IF YOU WANT TO GIVE VENT TO THE PHYSICAL IN WHAT YOU CALL PLEASURE, IT IS ALL RIGHT, IT IS GOOD; ALL LIFE MUST HAVE ITS EXPRESSION. YET I HAVE OBSERVED THAT MAN, COMING TO THE CLOSE OF A YEAR, FEELS THAT IT CALLS FOR DEBAUCHERY, FOR REVELRY - NOT THE TRUE MEANING OF THE NEW YEAR. ITS TRUE MEANING IS A NEW LIFE, A NEW STEP. "SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE ADDED UNTO YOU". ATTEND TO THE SPIRITUAL PART, THEN GO FORTH AND MAKE JOY, AND YOU WILL FIND IN YOURSELF A GREATER JOY.

I DO SINCERELY WISH THE BLESSING OF THE SELF UPON ALL OF YOU. MAY GOD BRING YOU WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING! I DO MEAN YOUR OWN GOD-SELF.

(Trance communication through Mark Probert, Decemebr 19,1948).

- THE LAMB AND ITS MOTHER -

by

Charles Augustus Strong

There was a sheep that had brought forth a lamb, more brilliant and discriminating than herself; at least, the lamb showed a gift for abstract inquiries, though it did not drive very well at practise. This, naturally, gave great concern to the old sheep, and she tried by various artifices to direct her child's footsteps in what she conceived to be the right channel.

But she was always thwarted by the lamb's sceptical disposition - for it would never regard anything as quite sure - and by a principle, which the lamb early im - bibed, that, after all, it was all One.

For example, the little creature showed a tendency in its feeding to confuse the harmful with the nutritious, and to eat weeds and poisonous herbs with the same relish as the tender grass. You have picked this up, said the sheep, from the young goat with whom I saw you associating; if you go on so, you will give yourself an in- digestion, if not shorten your life.

How shall I know the grass when I see it? asked the lamb. By its colour, green, answered the mother. But is it really green? the sceptical lamb demanded. It is green enough for all practical purposes, replied the sheep.

The lamb reflected for a time about this, with the result of concluding that, however that might be, the grass was not green enough for theoretical purposes; and that, anyway, it was all One.

Pursuing its meditations as to what the grass was, if it was not green, the lamb came to the conclusion that its nature might be expressed with sufficient ac - curacy by saying that it was different from red; and generalizing this it decided that everything was different from yet related to everything else, but that, never- theless, it was all One.

The old sheep, wellnigh out of patience with a philosophy that transcended her own humdrum ideas, could only repeat, with wearisome insistence: Don't eat weeds - don't confuse the noxious with the edible - don't think that differences make no difference. But the lamb replied, with precocious sapience: These are negations, and my philosophy is designed to avoid needless negations; however, since negation is at bottom the same thing as affirmation, it makes no difference whether you assert or deny; and, whichever you do, it is all One.

At this the old sheep was at last exasperated beyond all measure, and broke out angrily: This philosophy of unity is the most tiresome and monotonous thing I ever heard of; why, it is against common sense! But even as she said the words, she real- ized how far her qualifications for philosophy came short of her daughter's, and she brought them out with a certain sheepiness.

Common sense! exclaimed the lamb, standing up on its hind legs; you are the naivest old lady that every had a lamb for her offspring. Do you not know that all these things have been definitively threshed out by the Germans, and that it has been proved beyond question that things-in-themselves are unknowable and do not ex- ist, and that the universe is One?

ONE WHAT? asked the sheep.

I am not quite sure, answered her daughter; but if I have correctly understood my illustrious teachers, it is one Lamb.

(Wisdom of the Beasts; C.A. Strong)

- THE BARDO THODOL -

(The Tibetan Book of the Dead)

by M.C.

(In Round Robin iv-7 - Sept-Oct. issue - we printed a diagrammatic scheme of the concepts embodied in the Bardo Thodol, prepared by M.C. from her own studies and with corroborative reference to "The Tibetan Book of the Dead" by Evans-Wentz, trans lated for him by his Tibetan instructor. This diagram is here reproduced, for reference in connection with the present article. The comparison of Tibetan with Occidental modes of thought is important and instructive, but a simple and clear exposition of it is hard to come by. The Round Robin editors believe many students of occult matters will welcome M.C.'s article, and hope to continue the subject in coming issues. - We should add, however, that this 'article' was not prepared as such, but is taken by permission from her correspondence with the RR editor).

.....The Bardo Thodol is the book that is read to the dying and apparently dead person as he is in the process of undergoing the dying and after-death experiences, with a view to guiding him back to human rebirth in this world - considered most advantageous for most persons. Death is considered a subjective experience, that carries the focus of consciousness into the deepest recesses of the mind, and incidentally into the regions of highest 'frequency' and the levels of most complex organization. This process has a variety of possible results.

As soon as a person 'wakes up' from the period of unconsciousness that usually follows death, the Self-consciousness is carried directly to the 'Central Realm', or highest of the "holy paradises". (v. diagram). Here it perceives "the aggregate of matter resolved into its primal state", and the person is counselled to hold on to that consciousness if he possibly can. If he succeeds, he will not be reborn into any of the parallel worlds. Hardly anyone, however, manages to accomplish this.

If the person cannot maintain himself on that level, and yet is not afraid, he may be reborn as a Deva, that is, an inhabitant of the world constructed of matter in its primal state. But if he is afraid or over-awed, his consciousness drops back along the 'frequency band' and comes into the second highest state, the "Eastern Realm of Pre-eminent Happiness", where he experiences the "mirror-like Wisdom." This is a critical condition, since if the person cannot identify himself with the states of consciousness experienced here, and gets caught up in that state without that self-knowledge, he experiences Hell. In this region, everything desired or imagined takes shape momentarily, for as long as the impetus that shaped it persists. It is the region of associative thinking, the linking of memory chains and their automatic review, the 'dream-world' of the imagination. Like a mirror it reflects whatever is placed before it, reacting automatically with either defensive patterns or accept - ance. This hell-state is considered to be the result of habitual anger; that is, the automatic defense-reaction patterns built into the structure of the 'automatic mind' or 'lens'. The lens is not an entity. It is a mechanism, and differs from an entity especially in that its activities are mechanical and automatic. If the mechanism of a habit pattern is built into it, and the stimulus is supplied that 'triggers' the mechanism, then the lens will react by going through the entire pattern, one or more times, according to the intensity of the stimulus and the strength and clarity of the pattern. Mechanisms of defense are forms of anger, and produce the hell-state of consciousness, if the Self fails to recognize the qualities of the Mirror-like Wisdom as its own, and turns, instead, toward the "dull, smoke-colored light from Hell", remaining in the sphere of the lens without making 'lower-frequency' contacts.

If, however, the person "wandering in the Bardo" is not caught in the Hell state, and drops back along the 'frequency-band' again into the next lower stage, he

contacts "the primal form of the element Earth" - chemical life at its most refined stage. This is called the "Southern Realm", or "Realm Endowed with Glory". If conditions within it are favorable, the Self can stop in this 'astral' state. If the self-identification cannot be made, and yet consciousness is maintained at that level, he is reborn into the familiar human world, with a chemical body and all the rest of it. This is where most human beings make the 'Knight's move' that brings them back into this vale of tears, the chemical-physical world.

The consciousness can be said to 'condense' this far, from which point of density it 'jumps' across the etheric 'gap' without becoming active there, and takes a new physical-chemical entity-aggregate combination.

This is still not the end of the road, however. There are further possibilities. If the person fails to make the identification that keeps him in the Southern Realm, and if on the other hand he does not experience that intense state of consciousness called egotism, whichis responsible for human birth in the lower physical (chemical) world, he drops back along the 'frequency band' again, to still another level, the higher etheric. Here he has the opportunity of recognizing himself as the "primal form of the aggregate of feelings"*. If the recognition that his condition is natual to one's self at this stage is possible and sustained, then one is born into the "Happy Western Realm" - 'Etheria' - whence, say I,come our 'flying discs' among other things. **

In non-symbolic language, one has taken birth as an etheric human being, in the world constructed of matter in the etheric state, but will not take on a chemical aggregate. The life will be lived out on the physical plane, but at the etheric, non-chemical level. (It cannot be too often repeated, that the etheric worlds are just as material, 'real' and 'natural' as our own, possessing all the physical features and objects of our world, but lying outside our range of sense perception by reason of their vibration rate or 'frequency'. Ed.).

If, however, the characteristic feelings that take possession of one's consciousness upon entering this region are attributed to other entities,i.e.,influences outside one's own self-consciousness, then the "dull-red light of the Preta-loka" is said to have entered, if the consciousness remains at this level instead of moving on.

Pretas are hungry ghosts. That is, the consciousness is aware of all the feelings, appetites and desires natural to physical man, but it lacks the strongly amplifying chemical aggregate through which to satisfy them. The person lives on in the lower etheric levels, and sometimes in his desperation to satisfy his strong feelings and appetites, fastens himself upon a chemically incarnated human being, thereby creating cases of obsession or possession.

Since by its failure to recognize 'Amitabha' as itself, it has lost the opportunity to take a 'free and endowed' etheric birth, it continues to exist in the etheric world in a limited and hampered way , at a level of organization not ordinarily contacted by either chemically incarnated people or normal etheric people. Pretas are sometimes pictured with enormous bellies and tiny mouths. This is considered a good state to miss, and there is still another possibility. If a person fails to take an etheric birth, and also fails to get caught in the 'Preta-loka' lower etheric world, he does not go lower down the scale of 'frequency', but 'bounces back' again to an in-between mental level, somewhere near that of the lens, and nearly like that of the Deva world. Here he experiences the "natural power of the wisdom of

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*Dhyani-Buddha Amitabha. For the Central Realm, Dhyani-Buddha Vairochana: for the Eastern Realm, Dhyani-Buddha Vajra-Sattva Akshyobya: for the Southern Realm,Dhyani-Buddha Ratna-Sambhava. These Buddhistic terms for the various states of consciousness have been omitted in the text as not particularly informative to Western readers.

** "Etheria" has had far more recognition in Oriental thinking - but now bids fair to become of high importance for our western metaphysics and science also.

thine own intellect." Here again there is a chance of being born into a world constructed of matter at that level, if one fails to recognize the Self as Amogha Siddhi, the Dhyani-Buddha of the Northern Realm of Perfected Good Deeds. This northern paradise is called 'difficult to attain', and, as in all the Paradises, the life-span may be long, and conditions so much more pleasant than those in this world that the driving impetus to reach a higher state is correspondingly diminished.

If the self-identification necessary to continuance is not made, and if there is a strong pattern of jealousy in one's constitution, there is a chance of being born into the Asura-loka.

This Northern World is the land of exact 'biblical' justice, the world of the Titans, or lesser Gods. It is very 'hard to reach' because most people have been attracted to one or another of the other Lokas encountered during the earlier days of the Bardo wanderings. Not everybody gets this far before being reborn, somewhere.

The characteristic occupation and activity of the Asuras is combat of one kind or another.

Some of these very long-lived and powerful Asuras have had a great and lasting effect upon the course of human history, since their world, by its construction and constitution, places them in a position to exert direct telepathic influence upon human beings. Force, combat, war, violence, and strife are their means of getting what they want, and much mass hysteria and mob violence - and war - could be traced to the activities of the Asuras in influencing human beings. They have powerful intellects and are devoid of any dominating influence of love, sympathy, or compassion. Sooner or later persons born into the Asura-loka will die and be drawn back into the compulsion-circle (Wheel) of rebirth, and may reincarnate in chemical human bodies. They usually tend to cause trouble, since life in the Asura-loka intensifies the propensity for violence that got them born there in the first place.

This is till not the end of the road, nor the last chance the departed person has of becoming a human being in his next life. He can miss the Asura-loka too, but any chemical-human birth he takes after going through that stage will be inferior, imperfect in some way, mentally, emotionally, or physically.

An important thing to remember, especially in relation to the final sentence of your 'Etheric Hypothesis' page (that 'all objects of our world have been created by man himself'), is, from the Bardo point of view, that ALL THESE WORLDS OR LOKAS ARE INHABITED BY MAN. All the Selves are Man*Selves - though they differ in details of constitution, consciousness, and involvement with matter. . . . The whole Bardo system should be of much interest to spiritualists, since it offers a means of classifying communications received (by reference, description, and general content, and identifying communicators as residents of (or sojourners in) particular worlds or 'paradises' inhabited by man.

- (- end -)

(As of interest in connection with the foregoing article - the Mark Probert communicators are now dictating a ms of book length, "The Rise and Fall of Man". The sections so far received are concerned mainly with the origin of the earth and the solar system: but it is known that they maintain that our earth plane of dense matter, and all its 'objective' phenomena, came into being as the direct results of experimentation by human beings from the Etheric, carried out in opposition to the advice of the Lords or 'Angels' of the High Etheric. The 'fall of man' can obviously be interpreted as part of this 'revolt', and even 'Lucifer' finds place, as one of the greatest and wisest of the adventurous beings, whose wilfulness brought forth "this world and all its woe". Faint echoes and distorted images of immemorial truths - this is the best that can be said not only of popular religionism, but of the whole vast theological and ecclesiastical constructions of Christendom for the last two thousand years).

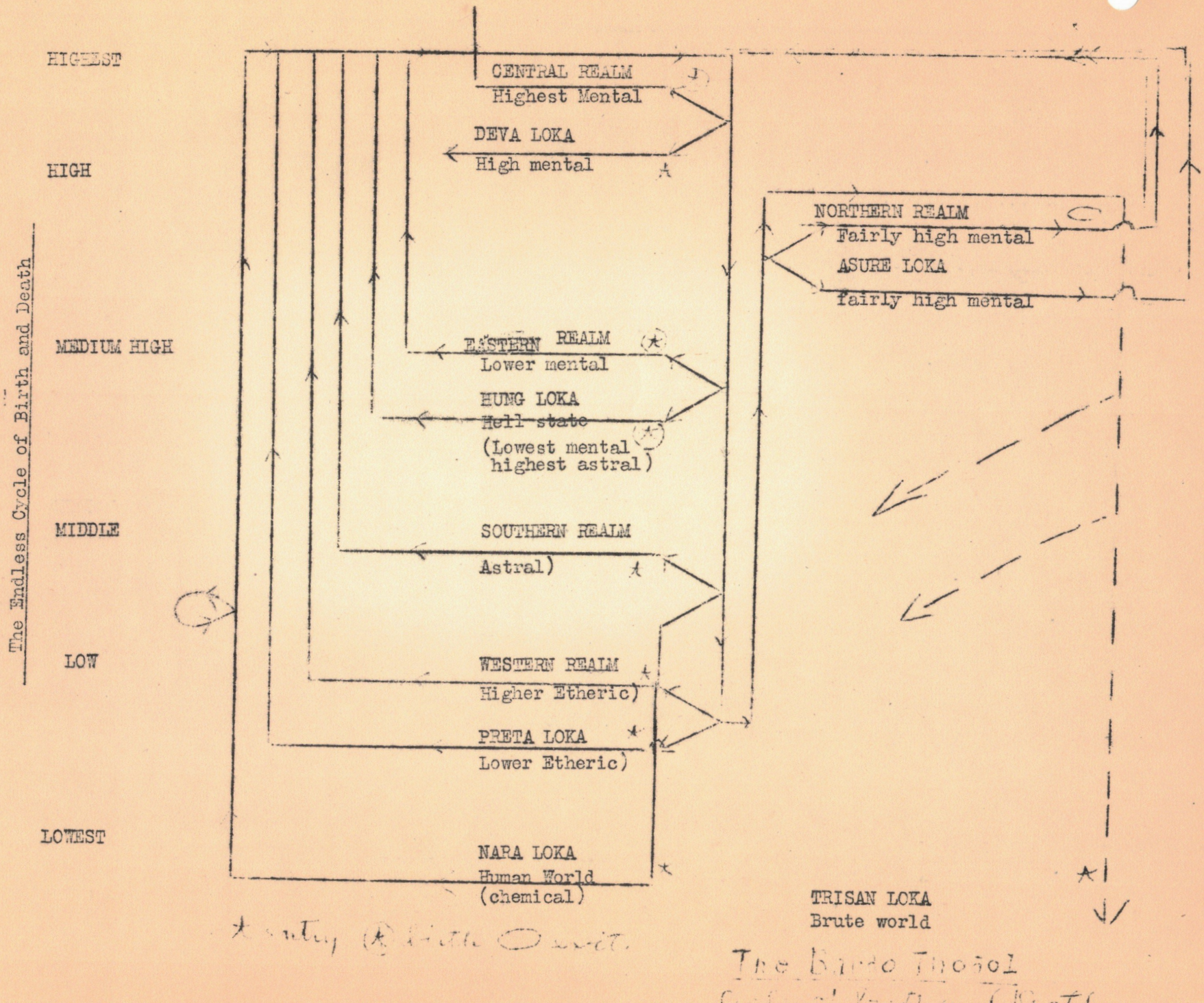

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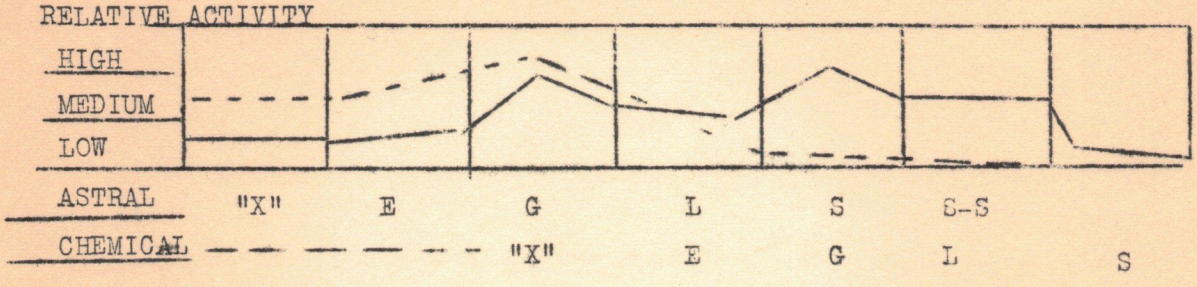
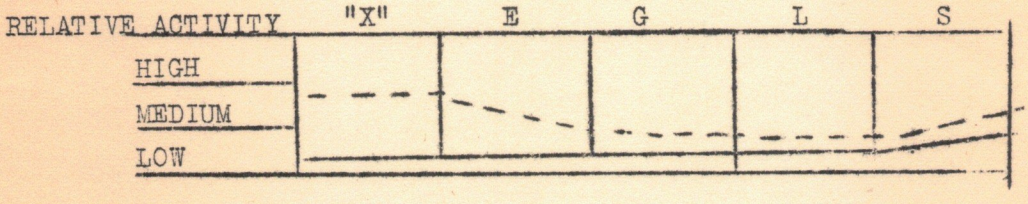
DIAGRAM IV -

RELATIVE HUMAN ACTIVITY IN ASTRAL-CHEMICAL AND ETHERIC ENERGY-(MATTER):
SOLID LINE -- INCARNATE HUMAN BROKEN LINE -- EXCARNATE HUMAN





PARALLEL ETHERIC STATES

A given quantity of matter existing in the astral states is not the same quantity as similar matter in the chemical states: i.e., an astral liquid is not necessarily a chemical electronic force; it is like a chemical electronic force. The two approximate one another in frequency and are mutually attractive. Chemical and astral matter might be said to be out of phase, altho both are products of the same energy stream, the astral 'precipitating' the chemical.

Etheric matter is a parallel product of the major energy stream that produces the astral complex. Astral - Chemical matter attracts it, but again, different quantities are involved, and similarities of state are only approximate.

* KEY *

"X" - beyond electronic
E - electronic
G - gaseous
L - liquid
S-S - sub-solid: complex primitive solids.
NB. All chemical solids are precipitated from the chemical liquid state and are actually fluids of high viscosity.

(The following tabulations are designed for further study of the Bardo Thodol, and will be found useful in connection with articles yet to be published. Since they also shed light on the ideas discussed in the article in this issue, we print them now, and recommend that they be preserved for reference, by persons interested in this subject.) . . .

ORIGIN AND DIVISIONS OF THE ASTRAL-CHEMICAL COUPLES, AND PARALLEL ETHERIC STATES

1. MATTER IN ITS PRIMAL STATE (HIGHEST MENTAL) (Tib. VAIROCHANA).

2. FIRST TRANSFORMATION (MIDDLE MENTAL)

3. SECOND TRANSFORMATION (LOWER MENTAL)

4. THIRD TRANSFORMATION (ASTRAL)

5. ----------FOURTH TRANSFORMATION (ETHERIC)

a.	"X" state (beyond electronic)		Etheric "X"
b.	Electronic		Etheric Electronic
c.	Gaseous - "precipitates"	Chemical "X"	Etheric Gaseous
d.	Liquid - "precipitates"	Chemical electronic	Etheric Liquid
e.	Solid - "precipitates"	Chemical gaseous	Etheric Solid
f.	Sub-solid-"precipitates"	Chemical liquid	(These constitute the
g.		Chemical solid*	minor continuum of 4th.

1 to 5 incl. constitute the "major continuum"
(a) to (g) consitute the minor continuum of the 3rd.

The Etheric Plane is a parallel world in the 4th transformation of matter.

The "Astral" and "Chemical" are two aspects of one Transformation. Matter in its third transformation becomes the Astral, and the Astral precipitates the Chemical.

*NOTE: All chemical solids are precipitated from the chemical liquid state, and are actually fluids of high viscosity.

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"MATTER IS ENERGY -- ENERGY IS MATTER"

VAIROCHANA (HIGHEST MENTAL) ....."Matter in its primal state."

AKSHYOBYA (LOWER MENTAL) ....."Consciousness"(awareness) in its pure form."

RATNA-SAMBHAVA (ASTRAL) . . .."Touch" (sensation) "in its primal form."

AMITABHA (ETHERIC) . . . ."Primal form of the aggregate of feelings"

AMOGHA-SIDDHI (MIDDLE MENTAL) ..."Natural power of the wisdom of the intellect", (associative thought).

This is the Bardo list of transformations in the main stream of energy-matter as it comes into full manifestation. The order is that in which the "levels" of organization are experienced during the days immediately following death.

The Bardo Thodol, as a Buddhist document, is composed from the point of view of Monism - which does NOT separate the Creator from his creation. He creates from and within His own substance... The definitions of the Transformations are psychological- i.e., given from the human point of view. The activities of matter-energy become the awareness and associative thought of the human being.

- "VITIC FORCE" - and RADIO WAVES FROM SPACE-

(Interesting C-mments and Conjectures by
our Contributing Editor, David D. Dagmar).

(Editor Dagmar first assures us that he accepts the premise of the "Vitic Force" discussion - that there is some kind of force or energy connected with the carbon which has a rejuvenating effect on the nervous system and the glands. "We all accept the fact that the atom is composed of electrical forces" and likewise, of course, all matter including the human body. Experiments with the Kilner screens, as well as the distinguished work of Dr. George W. Crile, supports the concept that "the entire fabric of human life is electrical!" "From this basis, other went on to demonstrate that all glands, organs and nerves in the body correspond to a radio-wave length, and that the wave length for the same gland remains the same in different people. If a gland was diseased its wave length was distorted" - and this opened up the way for both diagnosis and treatment by electrical means. The rapidity and accuracy of diagnosis by means of electrical apparatus now in use, is fully proven and most astonishing ...)

The machine for treatment is called a quantumeter; it takes an ordinary A.C. current and converts it into radio-type waves. The length of the latter is so adjusted as to set up a cross-current wave unlike the wave emitted by the part being treated. The faulty body fadiations can then be "interfered" or overlapped by a counter-current. And when the counter-current to (say) tuberculosis has broken down the body emanation to zero, the bacilli are dead. Now, aside from the treatment of disease this wave-treatment has a stimulating effect on the nerves in general; and it is quite possible (in connection with "Vitic") that the ancients knew something about this and had their own means of producing similar effects... And if the 'scepters' or 'rods' shown in the hands of statues and paintings from ancient Egypt were (as some authorities claim) symbolic of some source of energy and power, not of authority, then the Vitic theory gains weight. (The identification of the rods with carbon cannot, of course, be conclusively established, but experimental work with hitherto unrecognized properties of carbon may go far to verify it. ML).

Is it not possible that when a carbon stick is held in the hand, it pick s up radio waves out of the cosmos and directs them thru the body, setting up a cross - current of a nature to cancel out discordant and abnormal wave lengths - in other words, doing naturally that which radionics accomplishes artificially?

Most 'radionists' consider their radio waves to be in the realm of sunlight waves or 'white light'; but I shall venture that in reality they come from the 'dark side' of nature. Or at least I will venture that rays picked up by the carbon Vitic force tests are the 'night side' forces spoken of in all books n Atlantis - forces which the Atlanteans seem to have harnessed to do practically everything we are now trying to do with atomic energy. Is this night force a "reflected sunlight", stored somehow in the earth and released at night in a different form?

Wireless from Nowhere - About these mysterious radar or radio waves, and, lately, radio-type waves apparently originating in the constellation Cygnus, where there is seemingly no planet, but possibly dark stars - a point that interests me is their possible tie-in with legendary Atlantis, certain prophecies of Pythagoras, and the time element involved in transmission and reception of radar waves sent from our earth to remote stars or planets. The Atlanteans are generally believed tohave reached a high point of scientific development, and perhaps were even able to record the brain-wave pattern of human thinking; such a pattern could perhaps be played back into the mind of another person, reproducing

there the original thoughts. It is believed, too, that they possessed very powerful radar apparatus, much exceeding our own in range of operation. Let us suppose, too, that there is truth in reiterated legends, that the Atlanteans foreknew their fate, and furthermore, knew that they would be reincarnated in this twentieth century (not too incredible, now that precognition is accepted by many scientific workers). Is it not probable that the Atlanteans would seek some means of preserving their knowledge and of making it again available? The cave man carved his messages upon rocks, and we record ours in books which hardly outlast a generation; but these ancient folk had perhaps a better way. Suppose they transformed certain thought patterns and ideas into radar impulses, and directed this ray against a remote sun or planet. Suppose this celestial body were distant from us by the known and correct number of light years, so that, allowing of course for the return time of the wave, the original wave, the original thought-pattern would return to our planet during this 20th century. Thus the reborn Atlanteans now among us would recover their ancient knowledge, though perhaps without having any inkling of how and whence. Their minds would be attuned, and perhaps long-lost memories would awaken.

This hypothesis, utterly fantastic at first glance, grows less impossible as one reflects upon it. Our own government, in radar experiments, has bounced a beam off the moon, picked it up on its return trip (after about 8 minutes), and is said to be seriously contemplating the use of the moon as a reflector for all radar transmission, to eliminate the need for radar stations across country. One has only to extend, in speculation or imagination, the knowledge and the principles we already possess. We need, and already have, apparatus for directional projection of radar signals to a great distance, and also for picking up these strange incoming pulses from outer space. And the "energy" of thought can even now be measured electrically, i.e., reconverted into electrical impulses... The distances involved are of course unthinkable. A celestial body which returned a radar wave to the earth in one year would be nearly one and a half trillion miles distant; after ten thousand years, ten thousand times as far. Yet the distance of many suns is reckoned as being many times greater.

The "rays from space" were first discovered about 15 years ago, by Dr. Karl G. Jansky of the Bell Laboratories. They come in on the wave band of 14.2 megacycles - and sound "like a combination of gravel on the roof and the howling of wolves". But perhaps, if these could be filtered to the proper frequencies, something intelligible might be made out of it. This problem is not out of the reach of our numerous radar and radio enthusiasts. They should study it closely and see if any <u>uniformities</u> can be detected which might give us a clue to their real nature.

This possible significance, of these rays and soundsfrom space, calls to my mind thepuzzle of the "film of faces" received in 1926, and reported in several publications by Vincent Gaddis. They were believed to be "messages from Mars", and the story about them is complex and fascinating.

A prediction attributed to Pythagoras is to the effect that in a later age (believed to be our own), a device would be perfected which pick up radiations from space, the flickering of the stars and the light of the moon, and convert them into music - a symphony of the universe, some fragment of the music of the spheres. This symphony, we can be sure, is all around us, and in us and through us and all our visible world. We have not attuned our ears to it. but perhaps our minds have to be attuned first. Perhaps the road to it is thru technical and intellectual achievement, and Science, counted so practical and slow-footed, will be the Opener of the Doors and the Scaler of the Wall.

- THE GREEN THUMB -

(Parapsychology, Radiesthesis, and the Phenomena of Plant Growth)

EDGAR W. BLOCK.

Scientists at the State College of Washington have killed barley seeds with heat, then treated them with X-rays - and the seeds were found to grow. Seeds will grow better when planted around a lodestone or magnet. The radiation effects following the atomic bomb explosions over Japan affected the growth of trees and plants. And we know now that it is the radiations of all kinds of fertilizers that cause growth, rather than the chemicals that are regarded as plant food and as being rapidly used up. It is the radiations we put into the seeds themselves or their covering that counts. We can rub seeds by hand or put them under the pillow at night - and then find, not with a Geiger counter but with a Lambert pendulum, that we have given them a lasting increase in vitality. Soaking seeds with water will also give them an increased vitality, of a relatively short duration. Rubbed seeds seem to keep the soil more moist. Any care given to plants with the human hands, such as pruning and resetting, will result in increased growth. With the skilful use of a proper pendulum much reliable data could be prepared on seeds, soil, and treatment. . .

If you rub the fingers of the right hand over the negative pole, and those of the left over the positive pole of a weak U magnet, then the magnet will pick up more nails. Is you attempt to do this with a stronger U magnet it will pick up less nails. If we hang a bar magnet from the ceiling of a rather cool room, with both poles at the same level, we have a sensitive compass that may be used to detect magnetic properties in the body and such minerals as we may wish to use for soil treatments. There is reason to believe that clay pots, bricks, and even wood and water that has been in contactwith magnetism will promote growth. Once this contact is made there will remain a lasting effect such as is never claimed for plant foods and nutrients. Just as a magnet picks up more or fewer nails, so it may be with a plant. When the air is more magnetic than the plant, then a quick movement occurs in the plant that we call growth. When it is the other way the plant rests. This process is creative, and even indicates six positive pulsations and then one of rest.

Chemists claim merit for rock phosphate on account of the phosphorous it contains, and this is noted in percentage of the total weight. But weight is not the whole story. When this material is held close to a magnet, one can see small amounts of the powder collect on the magnet. This may be only tramp iron, from the mill that ground it, but it should be accounted for in an analysis that includes more than just phosphorus. If it can be established that a trace of iron is of more importance than phosphorous, as things now indicate, then theory must be made to conform to the new evidence.

Starting from this point, we may arrive at a new explanation of growth. Let us take four pots, fill them two-thirds full of sawdust, and give them a good wetting. Plant pot No.1 with 30 grains of soy beans, without touching either the seed or the covering with the hands. Have the remaining three pots planted by three different people, each of whom works the seed and the covering thoroughly between the hands. The results of such a test, with increase in growth over the check pot, at the end of 10 days, was as follows: "A" increased the net growth 120% -- "B", 8% -- and "C", 46%. Since all treatments depend on the amount of radiant heat, we found that with more heat of convection the net gain in such cases dropped to 45% for "A" - which still compares very favorably with commercial treatments.

A ten-day test of corn showed 88% increase over untouched, where seeds only were rubbed, 53% where loess was used, and 59% where magnetized iron oxide was used. A ten-day test for soy beans showed 85% increase where seeds only were touched, a 144% increase where seed and covering were rubbed. The slumber test for seed and untouched

sawdust was 78% for "A".

There seems to be a personality factor involved, in experiments affecting plant growth. Why is it that some people can take tender bean sprouts, 10" long, cut just above the surface, put them in damp sawdust and keep them alive for weeks without new roots being formed? Why can we sometimes cut small branches from trees, push them into the soil - and they will make new trees? Just what do roots do? We doubt that a physical explanation will be found for our experiments. Someone may find that rubbing 30 grains is more than three times as effective as rubbing only ten. We often wonder why some persons insist on covering their garden seed by hand. . . .

"Out of a total of 215 diseases known to medical science, there are only eight or nine that the doctors conquer - the rest conquer themselves". Soils are like that. They improve with age and a lot of good use in providing for the needs of mankind. Treatments without the lasting power of an ordinary magnet cannot properly correct and preserve the soil... The scientist Sir Albert Howard says that chemical treat - ment ruins our soil and undermines our health. Our tests indicate that hands and head can do more for growth...

Dr. Rhine (Duke University) has reported a test made by a French physician and his wife - they were able to increase or inhibit the growth of plants merely by concentrating on them. I felt that such an experiment might require a lot of faith, but I planted six pots, each with 10 soy beans, in sawdust, and arranged them by number in my growing trough. Then I flipped a coin to see if I was to favor the odd or even numbers, and it came out in favor of the odd. Then I would say over and over, ONE, THREE, FIVE - ONE, THREE, FIVE (or, What has France got that we do not have?). I would look my favorites over every day (radiations from the eyes are said to be sufficient to waken a sleeping person. If by thinking we can promote growth, the so-called plant foods may find formidable competition). After 10 days growth the odd-numbered pots registered a net growth of 25.0 grams as against 23.3 grams for nos. 2,4, and 6. Here is over 7% of growth that is free and not to be credited to plant foods.

Max Freedom Long writes me: "Thanks for telling me about the experiment with the magnet and the taking in and use of vital force . . . A report from a HRA in Washington state says their patch of strawberries, treated by your methods, broke all records, and grew in layers like grapes, of amazing size and flavor... You tell of many valuable things from your experiments. I see I burned the entire row of plants I magnetized last month. The ahlf row I magnetized daily turned brown and died, while the untreated half grew about as usual.". . .

We say the earth is very real - but compared with the Intelligence that created it, it is very unreal. ALL MATTER WAS AND IS CREATED BY THE ACTION OF CONSCIOUSNESS..

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RR has selected the foregoing paragraphs, passim, from the numerous mimeographed pages put out by Mr. Block - which accounts for their somewhat disconnected appearance. -- It has long been maintained by students of occult matters (and disregarded or contemptuously denied by 'orthodox' scientism) that the germination of seeds and growth of plants could be affected by human psycho-physical energies - radiations, aura, magnetism, call it what you will. In the Borderland Sciences, expanding day by day, scores and hundreds of facts have now emerged, all indicating that this occult hypothesis is basically true. Consider the Littlefield and the Morley-Martin experiments, and the whole field of radi-esthesia.-- And about Mr. Block's last statement quoted above - that matter was and is created by consciousness. In the case of the Mark Probert communicators, this is a corner-stone of their doctrine. Mankind issued from the etheric world, and created our world of dense matter by deliberate choice, by long and careful experiment - altho' against the advice of the Intelligences of of the Higher Etheric. They colonized this plane; they are our ancestors and ourselves. No single great intelligence ("God"), nor any great single Demiurge performed this vast creative act; but Etheric Man himself, who is now earth-man - and who shall in time return to his etheric state, but reaps now the penalty of his errors, his "fall" into dense matter... Such, we venture, will be the metaphysics and theology of the age now rushing upon us.

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- THE PROBLEM OF THE SECONDARY VOICE -

(As most of our readers know, the communications received through Mark Probert, and often mentioned in this publication, are obtained by the spoken word while the medium is in deep trance. After many experiments with various types of recorders, we finally purchased a 'Recordette', which transcribes the voice direct onto a disc instead of a wire or ribbon. The chief objection to this is, that so far it has not been possible to make a good copy of the record onto other discs, so that they could be played on an ordinary phonograph. But the play-back on the recordette itself is quite good. In listening to such play-backs, a curious phenomenon was noted. A secondary voice was faintly audible at intervals, which kept just ahead of the medium (or his Control, rather) . If the Control said (e.g.) 'This will come about in time'- the secondary voice could be heard saying faintly, 'This will come ... just ahead of the medium's words. The off-hand explanation, of some kind of wobble or jumping of the needle on the disc, did not seem satisfactory, and was finally disposed of when in one instance the first word of the secondary voice was <u>different</u> from the first word spoken by the Control. As if, for example, the Control said "<u>this</u> will come," while the secondary voice whispered or murmured "<u>it</u> will come...". The RR editor inquired of engineer John Hilliard concerning this phenomenon, and the following paragraphs are from his letter concerning it. The matter may appear a very minor one, but its implications, as BSR Associates need not be told, may be of considerable importance.).

'As to the secondary voice on your recorder -- LaoTse's comment on sound in the last M.P. seance Report is exceedingly interesting to me, and I think I understand what he is getting at. The voice, if I understand the conditions correctly, does not get onto the record via the atmosphere and the magnetic field used in impressing the wire. I don't believe the phenomenon would occur in a mechanical record cutter making plastic records. A wire recorder (and the Recordette used - Ed.) involves magnetic and electronic fields which may be sensitive to etheric sound waves (hypersonic waves).'

(We here quote Lao-Tse as follows: "Now I speak, but I do not necessarily speak with my mouth, and thought carries sound - though you may not know that. (Q). Yes, thought may be said to carry sound on your plane also, that is, it may some - times be picked up as sound - like now, before I speak, the thought is there. Before you say <u>also</u>, the mind says <u>also</u>; and that goes out into the ether and carries a sound wave, of course of a much finer grade. (Q). Yes, in our terminology a sound can be either etheric or atmospheric vibration. In the deeper layers of the atmos - phere all manner of life exists, including the purest of sound. (Q) Voices that people often hear when just dozing off to sleep are an example of this purest sound. If it were not there to be heard, you would not hear it. That is etheric sound, not atmospheric, but it occurs in the deeper layers of the atmosphere - yet, there is an air wave in connection with it...". LaoTse's position seems to be that sound may originate either here in dense matter, or on the etheric, which is also a grade of matter, and the sound spectrum is continuous. At one end of the spectrum the sound "becomes pure mind substance, out of which all things originate).

"I had a friend one time" (writes Mr. Hilliard) "who could observe clairvoyantly the phenomenon LaoTse describes, of cound fading into the ether. She SAW an old-fashioned clock striking its hours - a sort of expanding rainbow, bright yellow at first, and fading off into deep purple, red, orange, and yellow again. She could SEE it for a while <u>after</u> the physical sound ceased. . . This concept tends to sub - stantiate our pet idea that matter is basically continuous through all the planes. The demarkation into planes is a phenomenon of the sense mechanism of the observer. The fading out of sound is simply the limitation of our sensory apparatus. Sound which cannot be heard we call supersonic or subsonic. But the vibrations, part of which we hear normally and call sound, range from below our (sensory) continuum to

the 'spiritual' planes 'above'. And a vibration begun in any one may be heard by some ears and not by others... But a wire recorder, because it involves electric and magnetic fields, may well be sensitive to etheric sounds" (supersonic vibrations at the etheric end of the sound spectrum). "The picture as a whole must also involve the medium - otherwise we would be reading in our radio journals about trouble with double-talk on wire recorders.

"And how does the medium fit into the picture? I think the structure of a medium's etheric body is different than in case of a non-medium. Whatever the difference is, it seems to act in a way similar to a catalyst, making the immediate surroundings of a medium hypersensitive. Mark's aura does something to the recorder, adds to its immaterial parts in such a way as to enable it to respond to etheric sounds through its magnetic channels. Note the remarks by the control Arakashi on projection of the etheric body during control (Report VII, p.200)" "Such disturbance may set up tensions of a magnetic sort that would slightly alter the structure of the magnetic fields of the recorder, making them sensitive to etheric sound. I wish I knew for sure".

(And so do we! We quote part of Arakashi's remarks: "In all this work there is a slight amount of projection. It does not extend out beyond the body to a noticeable degree, but the nervous system causes a slight projection of the etheric body, about so much" (indicating 8-10" with hands). "The psychic body is extremely sensitive and is connected with the nervous sytem to a high degree. Any sudden touch or light causes that body to pull back ..."etc.).

(Writing on another date, on this same subject of the secondary voice, Mr. Hilliard continues): - "Consider the crystal in the microphone - it has a geometric arrangement of its elemental parts, such that when a pressure is applied to it some of the bonding electrons will tend to move along certain lines, thus producing a very minute potential in the crystal, which in turn tends to cause a current of electricity in any circuit attached to it. A varying pressure, such as a sound wave, causes a corresponding variation of potential. The crystal potential is connected to a grid in a tube of the amplifier circuit, and if the grid potential varies the tube current will do likewise. Further amplification by one or more other tubes gives the power to operate the cutting stylus or the magnetizer. As we imagine it, the variation of the distance between the geometrized atoms of the crystal along particular planes causes the variation of electric potential. In the 'mike', sound is made to 'squeeze' the crystal in a certain way.

But suppose the crystal has been imbued with <u>etheric</u> substance, either by virtue of the presence of the medium, or of the control, or just naturally. When the etheric vibrations move it, it might also change the potentials in the atomic structure, and thus produce a less pronounced electric impulse.

If the <u>mike</u> is picking up the secondary voice, it would become fainter the farther the mike is away from the medium - <u>unless</u> the diminishing of hypersonic waves is less rapid than ordinary sound - which of course depends on the medium of transmission. The etheric sound <u>might</u> travel a good deal further than the medium's voice, before it became inaudible. . . These ideas cover the crystal type pick-up, but a carbon mike might work in somewhat the same way... And, as I have said, the ethers of Mark's vital body may <u>quicken</u> the mike and the amplifier (so to speak), thus it to pick up the etheric sound."

(Associate Hilliard also raises the question, whether the phenomenon of the secondary voice may not give us a clue to the problem of an 'ether bridge' for instrumental communication. Can the control produce a recording ofthe secondary voice, which is said to be the sound of his own thought, without the medium speaking in any audible way? The presence of the medium would still be necessary, since presumably the ethers of his vital body are necessary; but it is not certain that any audible speech by the medium is required. It would amount to the control making his own record, without employing the vocal organs of the medium, and without any ectoplasmic 'voice-box'.) M.L.

- LADY WONDER AGAIN -

(Mrs Helen Lotreck Pays a Visit to the Remarkable Horse -)

... Well, we did manage to pay a visit to "Lady Wonder" after all, though my husband informed me in advance it was all some kind of fake and he wouldn't go in. But he did, when the time came, and "he who came to scoff remained to pray", so to speak. At any rate, he's a convert to Lady's unique powers, and when I tell the tale corroborates all I have to say.

Lady was working under a slight handicap when we visited her; we interrupted her supper and she was trying to get the oats out of her teeth (at least, that was the way Mrs. Fonda explained her champing and mouthing. . . Well, we were told to give her some simple problems in arithmetic, and these she solved correctly. Mrs Fonda then said for my husband to write a number on a pad of paper, and for me to think of another, and that Lady would add them together. The numbers were 27, and 6, and Lady wrote 33, using her nose against the keys of the big "typewriter."

After that I happened to think about a story of rats leaving a house shortly before it was bombed, in the late war, and told Mrs Fonda about it, and then asked Lady, "Do animals know in advance what will happen to them - when danger approaches?" She replied, YES. I asked, "Do they also know what is ahead for people?", and she answered, SOME, probaly meaning some people, Mrs Fonda said. My husband inquired as to whether we would have a hard winter, and was told yes. Asked the time, she said it was 3:30 - actually, 3:50, but maybe because people in the South are leisurely!

I asked whom my daughter was going to marry, and Mrs Fonda told me to think of a name myself. And that was the name Lady spelled out - D O N A L D. I did NOT speak the name, or write it down. Whatever else Lady can or cannot do, she certainly can read one's mind. Whether Mrs Fonda helps in some way, I don't know, but if the words are not known to her the help must be of a telepathic or psychic sort. When I asked Lady, "Who gives you the answers to these questions?" she spelled out G O D. Mrs. Fonda asked her my husband's age, and she gave it as two years less than was correct (more understandable if a woman were concerned); then when told that she must "stop fooling around" or she would get no candy, she gave it correctly.

Mrs. Fonda also has a toy shepherd dog two years old, named Pudgy. This dog plays on a sort of piano. A visitor can pick out any selection from a pile of music and Pudgy will play the melody perfectly, or with only rare mistakes. When I pointed out certain notes, or named them, she also played these correctly - so evidently it is not a matter of having memorized certain pieces (though that would be remarkable enough, I should say!). I asked if she could play the scale, and Mrs. Fonda thought not, but she did play it accurately, skipping the chromatics, which on this "piano" come in order with the other notes. . . I have no doubt there are many remarkable trained animals, but still the performance of both these seemed amazing to me. . . Mrs. Fonda seems sincere and intelligent and doesn't try to over-sell the abilities of her "protegees". . .

(From a letter to RR Ed.)

The editor recently received a note from a reader who visited "Lady Wonder" some 15 years ago, and who is fully convinced that at that time the animal was unable to answer any question UNLESS the owner, Mrs. Fonda, herself knew an answer and gave some kind of signal. Obviously, a check on this is a primary precaution. The answers MUST be unknown to everyone (consciously), as in the case of computations, or known to the questioner ONLY - plus the usual allowances for coincidence and guess-work. The Elberfeld horses performed equally well in the absence of the trainer...Operations with mentally selected numbers, chosen by two or more observers, should rule out the possibility of signals. ML

" HYPNOTISM - A PSYCHOLOGICAL DEGRADATION "

The title quoted above is that of an article by J. Haskel Kritzer, M.D., pub - lished in a 2-page reprint from the Journal of the National Medical Society, 402 - 6th St. N.W., Washington, D.C.

The Editor of Round Robin has expressed many misgivings about the present fad for hypnotism, running riot not only among juveniles and college students, but, more dangerously, among psychiatrists and psychologists. It is not very safe practise to go to Dr. Morris Fishbein (editor of the American Medical Association Journal) for facts, but on this one occasion it seems worth while to quote him:

"Psychological quacks" says Dr. F., 'are fleecing the American public'(He does' NOT, of course, include the AMA in this); 'Medical charlatans are selling worthless and harmful advice. . There are only about 3500 scientifically trained psychiatrists and psychologists in the United States,'but "at least 25,000 who advertise themselves as capable of remedying every psychic ill that man is heir to" - and, properly-in-part, he wants to wipe 'em out, by means of state laws sponsored by "reputable pro - fessional societies" (which, we take it, DOES incluse the A.M.A.).

There are no accurate statistics available, but our guess would be, about 80% of these 3500 sheep and 25,000 goats are now going in for hypnotism, in some form and degree. And our further opinion is, that the number of practitioners in either group who are reasonably qualified for such work is negligible. That opinion does not come simply from a deep-rooted distrust of the medical profession as a whole, and especially of psychiatrists; it comes from the fact of our basic ignorance of the whole psycho-physical complex of a human being. Psychology is still only "the possi- bility of a science", as James called it - in spite of the productive work in some phases of psychoanalysis. There is no basic psychology to be had, no genuine under- standing of the human mind-body, and the psychiatrist, like the M.D., treats and may alleviate symptoms, but seldom does more. With this premise in mind, this fantastic tinkering with subtle mental-and-physical mechanisms is damned from its beginning. There is legitimate research in this field, and some legitimate and laudable pract- ise, but we are concerned just now with the situation as a whole.

Such statements by this writer have been rebuked as being hasty and ignorant, and so far he has not time-and-space (his time, RR space) to defend them. But Dr. Kritzer has now taken up the theme, and in very competent fashion. "Hypnotism", says he, "is now employed as a therapeutic agent by psychologists, psychiatrists, and physicians. It has become almost a fad, if not a racket, since it is already being offered in A Course Extending over 16 Personal and Private Lessons at a Reasonable Price - quoting from a circular received through the mail, which urges that the practitioner 'Extend His Mental Control of His Patients' ... What do the exponents of hypnotism really know of what is involved in its practise? What sort of force can catch and immobilize the attention, cause a complete dissociation from normal thinking and feeling, a definite mental inertia, and a suspension of all voluntary thought processes?"

Dr. Kritzer then quotes Dr. Alexander Cannon to the effect that 'almost any- body, unless he is confident of his ability to resist, and does resist, can be hyp- notized into the first light state; three out of four can be brought to the second deep state, and one out of two will go into the deepest state of all, the somnam - bulistic. "What do these would-be magicians know of the source of power in the con- trolled trance victim that resists destructive suggestions? To explain it by the 'subconscious' does not explain what is yet behind the subconscious."

(We venture to interpolate here, that Munsterburg was probably quite right, in his dictum: As to the subconscious, we can at least say that it does not exist. Exist, that is, as then and now conceived by many psychologists. The whole concept is due for radical revision - but our tinkering playboy magicians have no inkling of the fact as yet, or else need a "really good" psychiatrist themselves).

This allegation of gross ignorance, against the majority of experimenters, is well supported by Dr. Milton H. Erickson (M.D.), in "A Brief Survey of Hypnotism", Medical Record, Dec. 5, 1934, quoted by Dr. Kritzer. He defines hypnotism as a "psychological phenomenon as little understood as most psychological phenomena ... what it actually is can be explained as yet only in descriptive terms .. any understanding of hypnosis beyond the descriptive phase is purely speculative."

"Another dangerous fallacy" (writes Kritzer) "commonly held, is that hypnotism cannot be employed for the commission of crimes". 'There may be a real desire and will in the heart of the hypnotist, that an anti-social act be committed by the subject. Who can be certain that the subject could then resist? And what assurance is there that implanting evil suggestions during the trance state may not germinate and be carried out, when provoked by a real or fancied grievance at some future time?

'Dr. J. Luys of Paris, quoted by Ernest Hart in his "Hypnotism ..." (1896), declares: At one moment in the passive stage the subject is absolutely defenseless and exposed to any criminal attempt upon him (or her)... He may be induced to become a homocide, an incendiary, or suicide, and these suggestions become forces which will burst forth at a given moment with accuracy and impetuosity like that of the really insane. *

"Professor W.R.Wells of Syracuse University states: This investigation has been devoted to the problem whether a hypnotized subject, non-criminal in character, can be made to commit real crime. The answer, on the basis of actual experimental re - sults, is emphatically in the affirmative. (L.A.Examiner, Mar.5, 1941).

"Lawrence Gould, Consulting Psychologist, states: Can mental disease be cured by hypnotism. The army psychiatrists say, no. Symptooms like paralysis or blindness can be temporarily relieved, but usually come back <u>if the feelings which created them are not uncovered and dispelled</u> ... Cures by hypnotic suggestion alone remain what Freud called them - impermanent and capricious." (Our underscoring. This is the hypnotist treating a <u>symptom</u> only, as truly and futilely as any 'orthodox' physician. Ed.).

"That hypnotism tends toincrease suggestibility and the tendency to accept suggestions both good and bad, is borne out by H.H.Hart, M.D., Columbia University, in the Jour.of Nervous and Mental Diseases, Nov. 1931". (Quoted by Kritzer)... And "there is also the danger of the hypnotizer's own psychic miasm being communicated to the receptive subject during trance. An impressive summary by Wm.S.Sadler, in his Theory and Practise of Psychiatry (1936) declares: Hypnotism is basically wrong as a method of strengthening the intellect, educating the will, or unifying the personality, in that it leads its victims to depend more and more upon the operator .. I regard these procedures as in the highest degree subversive of individual strength and stamina. The removal of disease symptoms is only transient, not in any sense curative. Hypnotism has been enthusiastically tried and found woefully wanting. (Sadler).

(Rather surprisingly, Dr. Kritzer then goes on to quote from Blavatsky; article, Black Magic in Science, Lucifer, 1890): "This century will not have passed away before they have undeniable proofs that the idea of a crime suggested for experi - ment's sakeis NOT removed by a reversed current of the will as easily as it is inspired ... The active living germ does not disappear at the will of the operator; it may lie dormant for years and be suddenly awakened. Crying children frightened into silence by the suggestion of a monster or a devil, have been known to become insane 20 or 30 years later on the same subject... There are hiding places in our memory unknow to psychologists, which open only once, rarely twice in a lifetime, and only under very abnormal and peculiar conditions. But when they do it is always

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* The communicators at the Mark P. seances have repeatedly confirmed this opinion, and condemned in strongest terms the "dangerous fallacy" referred to by Dr.Kritzer.

some heroic deed committed by a person the least calculated for it, - or, a terrible crime perpetrated, the reason for which remains forever a mystery. (See also, Isis Unveiled, by H.P.Blavatsky). (Kritzer).

"There is, then, a wide abyss separating the healing process by the use of animal magnetism as applied by Mesmer, the physician, and its present-day perversion called hypnotism. The former relaxes, is life-and-health giving" ...'Every mother uses it with her children. There is no tampering with the mind or will...In an article by William Q.Judge (New York World, 1894) we find the following:'

> One theory for explaining hypnotic research is about as follows: Man lives on thoughts and perceives only thoughts. Every object or subject comes to him as a thought - as words, ideas, or pictures. The soul-man has to have a connecting link or intermediary with Nature.. and this link is an ethereal double of the physical body, dwelling in the latter, which is Nature so far as the soul-man is concerned. In this double are the sense organs and centers of perception, the outer organs being only their external channels. When the hypnotic process, or subjugation I call it, is submitted to, a disjunction is made between the soul-man and this double, which is then for a time deprived of will, and is the sport of any suggestion coming in unopposed - and these may and do sometimes arise outside of the mind and intention of the operator ... The process of hypnotizing is as yet unknown in respect to what does happen to the molecules. We claim that they are pressed from the periphery to the center instead of being expanded from the inside to the surface. This contraction is one of the symptoms of death, and therefore hypnotizing is a long step toward physical and moral death. (Our underscore.Ed.)

In times like these (Dr.Kritzer concludes) the very atmosphere is charged with the mass-hypnosis of various ideologies - and any practise which increases susceptibility to suggestion can hardly be other than vicious. But there is much cleverly designed propaganda which purports to put the stamp of scientific approval on the practise of hypnotism. It appeals to all who are apathetic to personal effort, and who seek a short cut to health and mental attainment. But the only real help lies in activating the dormant will of the subject, together with the rebuilding of the body by right food, recreation, and occupational and musical therapy (among others). The psychosomatic approach, by all means, including the healing uses of animal magnetism (so-called), and of course the proper use of suggestion. But the induction of the hypnotic trance has no legitimate place in these therapies, and is subject to many abuses and dangers. So at least the present writer understands Dr.Kritzer. He has maintained more than once, that the present fad for hypnotic experiment and treatment, is born of ignorance, duriosity, and the unpleasant egomania that is fed by the act of acquiring complete though temporary power over another human being. Fed also, by the possibility of a new and costly development in the arts of healing. The plea that psychological knowledge is being acquired through hypnotic experiments, is (nine times in ten) specious and shoddy; nothing whatever is being learned by the operator, except perhaps how to manipulate his victims in new and curious ways. Nothing is being contributed to a basic psychology, to real and useful knowledge of the psycho-physical make-up of human beings. Moreover, this fad is not new, but flourished greatly some decades past, and taught us everything that can be learned from ignorant dabbling - except, apparently, the one lesson of ceasing to dabble. It is not that hypnotism is ineffective, of course. It is one of the most powerful agencies at man's disposal. But until we have more knowledge, a great deal more, let us walk very carefully in dealing with an entity so mysterious and dangerous.

BROWN MOUNTAIN TALES:

(In Round Robin for Novemebr, under the heading THE CAROLINA MYSTERY, Vincent Gaddis mentioned the long-continued phenomena connected with Brown Mountain, in Burke County, N.C. Associate JOHN L.BESSOR now takes up the tale):

I hope some day to live near Brown Mountain and really study the phenomena, for there is much to learn. I think Associate Gaddis would be interested in the following account, f o u n d in "The Civil War in Song and Story", published by Collier in 1889, and previously carried by various southern papers. Date, October 1, 1863, at 3:00 p.m. Observed by a number of reputable witnesses. The weather was hot and dry, the sky cloudless, and no wind.

> "Just over and through the tops of the trees on the adjacent hills to the south (a few miles west of Lewisburg, Greenbrier Co., Va.) an immense number of rolls resembling cotton or smoke seemed to be passing rapidly through the air, yet in beautiful order and regularity, tinged on the edge with light green. Apparently thousands of them, they were perhaps an hour in getting by. After they had passed over and out of sight, the scene was changed from the air above to the earth below. In the deep valley beneath thousands upon thosuands of (apparently) human beings (men) came into view, travelling in the same direction as the rolls, marching in good order, some 30 or 40 in depth, moving rapidly ('double-quick'), and commenced ascending the almost insurmountable hills opposite, and had the stoop peculiar to men ascending a steep mountain. There seemed to be a great variety in the size of the men; some were very large and others quite small. Their arms, legs and heads could be distinctly seen in motion . . . Strict military discipline to stragglers . . white blouses or shirts and white pants ... they were without guns or swords or anything that would indicate men of war. On they came through the valley and over the steep road, crossing the road and finally passing out of sight in a direction due north from those who were looking on. On the 14th inst. (?) the same scene, almost identical, was seen by eight or ten of the Confederate pickets at Ranger's (?) Mill and by many citizens in that neighborhood; this is about four miles east of Percy's. It was about an hour in passing."

So far, Mr. Bessor and his contribution to Americana clandestinae, which (pax to Mr. Mencken) we think more important than the grammatical errors of the editor of Civil War etc. . Important, neglected, and doubly important because NOT unique in the long strange records of the Borderland. To this day the warriors of Kamehameha march in ghostly companies, from Waikiki and the mountains of Oahu; in Finlandia and Scandinavia, in the Black Forest and on the plains of Tiber, on the sands of Arabia these spectral companies have been seen. "Superstitious rubbish!" say the Wise Owls, who, strangely un-owlike, see only at full noonday, and not too much even then. Rubbish to him who rubbish thinks - but most of the scientific thinking of our day would have been super-or-sub-rubbish to the pundits of the 19th century. (That, of course, is no argument - only a passing comment)... The problem, to the student of occult and psychic matters, classifies under the head of APPARITIONS - as an elementary introduction to which, see the six pages devoted to it in Fodor's Encyclopedia of Psychic Science (Lon. 1933), and the half-column of bibliography at the close of the article. We recommend to our Associates, always inquire gently of Mr. Contemptuous-Critic just what he has read of the subject he despises. If there are a hundred books, or fifty or ten which deal reputably with it, has he read ONE? And does he reject without investigation in all other fields of research also. Or is it your duty to lead him by the hand through years and devious ways, or to simplify everything so that he can acquire it in a moment and quite painlessly - or "prove" what he doubts by a few well-chosen words, and according to his own definition of proof? But all our BSR Associates know this full well. Shall we have an official supplication? How about, Pater Noster, patientiam nos da!

- THE URGA MANUSCRIPTS -

Repeated efforts on the part of Round Robin editor to obtain a copy of these manuscripts, along with some authentic information about them, produced no result. The Pearson Foundation (spiritualist), of London, seems to have had better success, and we quote the write-up in a London spiritualist paper -

"The 98 paragraphs of the Urga Manuscript were read in their entirety by Dr. A. George Hall, trustee of the Pearson Foundation, at Caxton Hall on Tuesday. In essence they describe the initiation rites of a hitherto unknown group of priests in the inner temples of Tibet. To spiritualists, the most significant claim they make is that no spiritual progression can be made until certain astral and psychic phenomena have been experienced. A section of paragraph 33, for example, declares:

> In the inner courts we know the first experience with the great immeasurable forces occurs when the human core can manifest the reality of psychic will in material existence.

The term human core is apparently synonymous with spirit.

In some respects the documents are rather confusing, for while stress is laid on the necessity of spirit communication, the priests of the inner temples also aver that the identity of their spirit helpers is always unknown.

Astral projection and precognition are two of the psychic phenomena which are instanced as being practised by initiates of the inner courts, but there is no reference to many other forms of mediumship with which spiritualists are familiar. Reference to clairvoyance and healing are oblique rather than detailed, the former being mentioned as distant clairvoyance.

A description of the occult universe is contained in the paragraphs. It is intended that copies of the mss. shall become available at a later date to approved societies, and photostatic reproductions of the original mandarin scripts will also be obtainable."

(Psychic News, June 19, 1948)

(After the above had been stencilled for RR use, the June 12 issue of P. N. came to hand, containing an article which should have preceded the foregoing):

"An introductory talk on the nature of the Urga mss. and their impact on modern occult thought was given by A. George Hall, PhD..... The Urga mss. comprise a series of writings which were collected by the late Maj. Gregory Pearson during extensive travels in Outer Mongolia, and the Foundation was created in order that this data might be disseminated to occult students. They were written in Urga in 1924, during the time of the exile of the late Panchan Lama of Tibet, and constituted a series of letters in which the Lama answered questions submitted by a Chinese philosopher, Wing On. .... Regarding the attainment of perfection (the mss. say):

> If you attempt to communicate thru a medium with a person who has passed into the astral planes, you will not be able to attain the Absolute.

The mss., however, provide for a form of communication with those you loved when on earth. It is clear that communication between astral and physical beings is not only possible, but required. Those who desire to manifest the force of the Absolute thru your body must first tread the path of the psychic. .... Progress is ever upward, never going back; that which we gain on earth we retain; that which we fail to gain merely retards our progress. ... There is no teaching of reincarnation into any lower or animal form." (This paragraph is apparently a condensation of remarks made by Dr. Hall in his discussion of the manuscripts. Ed.)

The Psychic News article ends by stating that the "late" Major Gregory Pearson was also present on the platform -- at least according to a clairvoyant in the audience, who is said to have given an accurate description of him. A natural and likely place for him, at any rate.

M. L.

THE NATURE OF THE MYSTICAL EXPERIENCE

The communicator Lao-Tse, being asked whether there was a state of consciousness which was not self-consciousness, not self-awareness, but which could afterward be recalled as a superior state of exaltation or enlargement, replied in the negative. The questioner pointed out that in meditation it is possible to identify the self with the "not-self" -- e.g., with a crystal, an acorn, a plant, indeed with any image whether "objective" or projected by the mind; and that when the control of attention is perfect, the observer becomes one with the object; and in doing this he loses self-awareness.

Lao-Tse refused to yield the point, contending that this apparent loss of self-awareness was a delusion. This led to a lengthy discussion, in which Lao-Tse asserted that he was not being understood, and withdrew in favor of the Rajah Natcha, Trimalki. Natcha took the ground that self-awareness was indeed lost in such instance, provided that self meant self-as-observer; but that Lao-Tse was correct also, since the thing, the not-self with which the observer became identified, or that state of identification, was also the self. There was transformation or conversion of the conscious state, but the self-identity did not depend on awareness of self as observer. Rajah Natcha understood that this was Lao-Tse's true position in the matter. That there was no true loss of identity is shown by the fact that the experience can be recalled in memory, altho' the word "memory" here has a different connotation from the one commonly assigned to it (memory being essentially a redirection of attention to events recorded in the "memory of Nature," and not a recovery from a supposed storehouse in the 'subconscious').

The point is one of considerable interest. In all placement of attention there is a degree of identification with the object attended to. In day-dreams, or if one's interest is deeply excited, as in witnessing a contest or a dangerous situation, in reading or listening to music, we often 'forget ourselves' or are 'beside ourselves' -- if by self is meant self-as-observer, self-as-reader, self-as-listener, etc. "We are where our consciousness (attention) is," -- for if not, where else? If you transfer ALL your attention into the next room, that is where you are; if to a cavern in Tibet, or to the center of a cube or a crystal, you cannot be otherwise than in those places. This is only a further and volitional extension of a familiar principle of mental action which occurs daily with all of us; there is nothing particularly mystical or mysterious about it.

The present writer cannot conjecture how often or how far it is possible for even the Adept to maintain awareness of himself-as-observer; but it is certain that in meditation exercises the tendency is to become 'lost' in the 'object' -- the experimenter is not so much 'aware of' (say) the crystal or the seed; he is the crystal, is acutely aware of all its features, but is NOT aware of himself as separate from it, as being an observer of it. The moment he says, "How strange this looks to me" the experience ends -- but it is retained in memory.

This is familiar, but the profound significance of the facts involved seems slightly regarded. For in this state, where self-as-observer is lost, there is no dimunition, but instead an immense enhancement and liberation of consciousness; the experience, unless involving the 'wrong' type of object, is remembered as one of exaltation and power. In other words, there is a state of consciousness which is NOT self-consciousness ("self" in the common sense) and which is, nevertheless, of a superior order. Or we may say with Lao-Tse that the "self" is still realized, but with a different content; it becomes crystal or seed or other object; and the "object" itself is a mental construct in its final nature, and hence integrates with the mind of the observer. The mystical experience thus has its analogue, and its true root, in familiar life; it may be involuntary, as when inspired by religious emotions, or it may be attained by occult disciplines, and its philosophical implications are profound and far-reaching.

The Spectrum of Consciousness.

The spectrum of visible colors runs from red to violet; there is also a spectrum of sound audible to normal hearing. But if color be defined in terms of wave lengths or frequencies, there will be many invisible colors below the red and above the violet. So, too, there are many inaudible sounds, some of which modern apparatus are now discovering for us. By analogy at least we may perhaps speak of a spectrum of touch, or tangibility; and this seems to depend upon density. We can "feel" any ordinary object and the pressure of gases in motion. But we do not feel gases otherwise, or radiations of innumerable kinds, or even the pressure of air upon our bodies, some 14 pounds to the square inch. It seems clear that we may be surrounded by objects which have colors invisible to us, by sounds we cannot hear, and even by objects we cannot touch, provided these last are of sufficiently low density. Yet we are told, by esoteric learning, that there are also objects far more dense than any matter known to us -- yet we cannot detect them by touch. The problem raised by this assertion was put to the Rajah Natcha, who replied:

"Do you not constantly move about in a substance of this superior density, and yet are not aware of it?"

The Rajah then expressed doubts about the basic validity of the concept of motion. Motion involves time and space, which are in some sense mental constructs; and it is associated with dense matter, also mental in its true nature. And anyone may "travel to" any "place" by "projecting" his consciousness "there"; but there is no real traversing of space, but only a change in the focus of awareness. There is an incessant interplay and exchange and conversion of energy-form throughout the universe; as functional units of awareness we come into rapport, "tune in" on these infinite modes of energy. Life seems to be an electrical-magnetic phenomenon -- "but then, somehow involved with this is the thing called consciousness."

Questioned further, the Rajah said that the 'substance of superior density' referred to could be identified "with what you call the ether."

A sitter then asked: "Referring again to substances of very high density which we cannot detect by touch, perhaps we shall have to let it go at this -- that there is a spectrum of touch, as there is of color and sound, and our consciousness is so conditioned that it does not respond to certain densities, either above or below that range?" To this the Rajah simply gave assent.

The whole "spectrum" of normal earth-consciousness is thus made up of the various spectra of our senses, extended somewhat by instrumental means. The limits of these spectra are incredibly narrow, and there is abundant "room" beyond those limits, not only for etheric worlds interpenetrating with our own, but for worlds and planes and universes beyond computation. This reflection is common enough and has been expressed in many ways. We make this approach to it, because it is presently important to make the concept of the etheric world and people as nearly intelligible as may be. The existence of invisible objects and unhearable sounds is understandable and plausible, and so too with unseen objects which cannot be touched because of their low density, comparable to emanations and gases; but the concept of extremely dense objects existing in our space-world, but remaining unperceived by us, is not so easily dealt with.

To those who say that this last problem does not arise in connection with the here-presence of the etheric world, one can only reply that the question is too involved for consideration here. Trimalki disposed of the matter in rather summary fashion, by referring to the unpassable limits of our sense perceptions. Whether he can be induced to make further comment remains to be seen.

M. L.

- CLIPS AND QUOTES -

Cross City, Fla. AP. The "Thing" is on the loose again .. Is it a publicity gag? .. Last spring its weird 15-inch tracks popped up at half a dozen Pinellas Co. gulf beaches. . . Has attracted New York newspaper and radio men .. plaster casts have been made. If the prints are fakes the animal-wise person who planted them is pretty smart. N.Y. science commentator Ivan T. Anderson, of Station WNBC, who has been on five expeditions since 1932, isn't saying yes or no about these tracks, but does say similar prints have shown up about the world in recent years, including Australia and the Ganges river in India. (Nov.15,'48).

Adelaide, Nov. 23,'48 .(Chicago Daily News Foreign Service). An Australian explorer, Keith D.Young, reports discovery of a weather-formed sandstone"city" that glows with a ghostly blue light at night, thinks it contains radioactive substances. This is in Arnhem Land, Northern Australia. The sandstone is weather-shaped into towers and minarets "all brightly colored in daylight".. its most striking feature is a sandstone cliff twice the size of Rome's Coliseum and shaped like it." At night, claims Young, he saw the outlines of thousands of human hands where they had been pressed against the walls of caves."

Monroe, Mich. Nov. 11, '48. AP, various papers. "Mysterious fumes" overcame five pupils of a rural grade school, made 20 others ill, caused fainting, vomiting, dizziness. Naturally attributed to gas seepage, but Pensacola Journal says "investigators were unable to give a hint as to what caused the fumes."

Radio "signals" from space, from dark stars or other invisible objects (or maybe from objects causing rebound of radar rays): many readers have sent us clips concerning these. "Radio-astronomy" is being carried on in the U.S., England,France, and Australia, cooperatively, but the "dark star" signals have not been picked up in the northern hemisphere. The existence of dark stars has long been inferred from the perturbations of visible stars. . . not related to this, the existence of a zone of heat, temperatures up to 1000 deg.,at an altitude of about 200 kilometers, is re - affirmed by European scientists.

Dr. Richard Goldsmith, of Berkeley, experimenting elaborately with hetero - chromatin (a chromosome constituent), believes that "evolutionary changes came with explosive suddenness." This point of view is now widely acceptable, and comes a long ways past the old dictum that Nature never operates in that way ('Natura nc facit saltum'). The abrupt appearance of new species, at many different places on the earth's surface, has long been a tenet of occult teachings, and has been repeatedly affirmed by the communicators at the Mark P. seances. Incidentally, these latter also say that man appeared in similar fashion; there was no "home of the race", or Garden in Eden construed in that sense. And the world-wide similarity of artifacts, beliefs, and customs, arose originally and in part from the common origin of our race in the etheric regions. The Etherians colonized our planet after many trials and errors, and the objects of our plane of dense matter were created by the con - certed mind-energy of the etheric people.

Dispatch from Manila, Nov. 20. Great stirabout over a fall of rose petals at the Carmelite convent at Lipa Cita; "they seemed to fall out of the sky". Mrs.Aurora Quezon,widow of the former President, saw three of the "showers". The Mother Superior is preparing a report for the Vatican, says "We believe it is Divine Grace - but how can we be sure". We wouldn't know.

Round Robin at one time printed a somewhat detailed account of the alleged discovery of the remains of an ancient ship on Mt. Ararat - reported by an aviator. The Los Angeles Times now prints an Istanbul dispatch, dated Nov. 13, '48, of "petrified remains of an object which peasants insist resemble a ship" also on Mt. Ararat. A Turkish farmer named Reshit came upon it, about two-thirds the way up the 16,000 ft. peak. The "prow" was entirely revealed by the melting snow, was very hard, and black "was not a simple rock formation . . I know a ship when I see one. This is a ship". Other peasants, investigating, concurred in this opinion. It is reported that an American expedition was planned for last summer to follow up these stories, but was unable to get away - which indicates that the reports are taken seriously in some quarters at least. Any kind of sea-going craft, "Noah's Ark" or other, found at an altitude of 10,000 ft. in a desert region, is a strangely impressive discovery.

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Interesting note from Mrs. E.A.Pond of San Diego. "On page 141 of the Mark P. book (No.V) you speak of instrumental communication between the planes. We know that Edison was working on that problem. Forty or fifty years ago a Mr. Fairchild who was wire chief in the W.U., New Haven, Conn., told me that many times operators who had passed on came and talked to him over the wire. At one time several years ago, at a small circle, my son came and gave his name on the telegraph instrument I had placed on a chair, though he only knew the alphabet. A bright light that came over the chair was seen by all, and the clicking of the instrument heard, but no one but myself could read what was given. I wonder that something of this kind is not more often experienced."

(RR editor knows two photographers who are quite accustomed to the presence of "entities" while working in the dark room and with red light only. As is often the case, these photographers are not spiritualists in the usual sense of the word, but probably happen to have a degree of psychic sensitivity. It is likely that communication thru the telegraph instruments is possible only when the operator on this side can in some way supply the energy needed).

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Claim that her late husband, Thor Kiimalehto, former sovereign grand master of the Rosicrucian Order, was actually the founder of the Order in North and South America, originator of its teachings and writer of its early text books, is made by Mrs. Myra Kiimalehto, 1750 Park Ave., (San Jose, Calif.), in a petition for letters of administration filed Oct. 20 in Probate Court (of San Jose). Alleged further is that Kiimalehto was the financial backer of the late H. Spencer Lewis, Imperator .. Further averred is, that Kiimalehto was sole owner and publisher of the Rosae Crucis, or Rosicrucian Digest.. . The suit is for an undivided interest in the property and assets of the Order . . (San Jose Evening News, Oct. 20, 1948).

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New Light on the Cancer Problem is the title of an article by Dr. Francis I. Regardie, in Electronic Medical Digest, autumn issue, 1948. (Incidentally, Dr. Regardie is a best friend of RR - and an authority in the field of esoteric Qabalism, author of many books and articles, a Professor of Psychiatry). Other articles are Effect of the Sun and Moon on Gravity Pull, by Roger Babson; a chapter from a new book by Thomas Colson, on Molecular Radiations; The Spectrum of Electromagnetic Radiations; Color as a Therapy; book reviews. Articles in this magazine can be taken as competent and authentic - and highly important, not only to thos engaged in the practise of electronic therapy, but to all students of Borderland Sciences - BSR Associates please take note. (E.M.D. is published at 1200 Hyde St., San Francisco 9, Calif. Quarterly, $2.00 yr.)

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Parapsychology Bulletin, Duke Univ. Press, Nov. '48, prints a Survey of Current Attitude of American Neuropsychiatrists toward Parapsychology. Better than expected. "Experiments are beyond the crack-pot stage and critics are likely to get their fingers burned.' There is also an article, A Psi Experiment with Paramecium - an

experiment to test the effect of PK (psycho-kinetic energy, mind-energy) on uni - cellular organisms. The experimenter used live paramecia on microscope slides divided into four quarters by cross-wires in the eyepiece, and "willed" the paramecia to enter one or another of these areas. Total experimental trials, 1,495; successes 927 (179.5 above chance expectation). This little excursus of the intrepid Nigel Richmond not only get into the newspapers but actually made the radio as well- significant of something or other, we don't know exactly what. . . The existence of the PK effect may be taken as established by a long series of diversified experiments - and this substantiates the basic principle of the work of Dr. Charles W. Littlefield of Seattle (set forth in his book "M.M.M., 1937), reviewed by our Flying Roll (Beta III, June '47). This book deals with the spontaneous appearance of life forms (abiogenesis) as emergents out of energy-complexes, and their control by mind-forces - and with the mental control of the formation and growth of crystals. The data are incredible and devastating to the whole contemporary psychobiological creed. In the light of the PK studies, plus this paramecia experiment, they have ceased to be incredible, but the full weight of their significance only the future can reveal.

The Morley-Martin experiments, also reviewed in Flying Roll Beta III, are equally astonishing and even more disruptive of 'orthodox' scientism, and integrate closely with Dr. Littlefiled's work and with the implications of the PK effect. (Note: Flying Roll is now suspended, but if sufficient interest is shown RR may reprint the reviews referred to).

All this material is the legitimate field of BSRA interests. It is occult-science and scientific occultism. The occult is that which for any or many reasons lies hidden; but little by little it passes into empirical demonstration. In the Borderland between these two regions lies the work of the pioneer, the adventurer, the non-conformist. He must possess courage, and patience, and right knowledge - and be prepared to accept the contempt, not only of the grossly ignorant, but of the majority of the learned as well. In this respect the history of science and the history of psychic and occult studies is exactly alike.

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"Would it help to impress scientists if you printed this quote of Thomas A. Edison on your letterhead?: 'We don't know a millioneth. The greatest discoveries will be along spiritual lines. This is the field where miracles are going to happen.. the greatest undeveloped powere with the greatest future.' I got this from Mind Digest, summer of '47. . . . To paraphrase our friends over there (the Mark P. communicators) - if they have trouble convincing new arrivals they are 'dead', we have lots of people over here who think they're alive! " (Mrs. Thelma Vennigerholz, in letter to RR editor)

Note from Max Freedom Long: "This comes from an HRA in Canada, and appeared in the American Weekly of May 12, 1946. It is very similar in form to the Kahuna invocations - which often called on Beings of the Dark or PO region, figuratively 'below', as well as on those from 'above'. The mention of the caverns suggests that perhaps the furore over the 'Shaver mystery' (Deros) had a counterpart in early Egyptian lore. . . It is called The Stela of Malediction, from the tomb of Tutankamen:

"O ye Beings from above -- O ye Beings from below -
"Phantoms riding the breasts of men -
"Ye of the crossroads and the great highways, Wanderers beneath the shades of
"And ye from the Abysses of the West, on the fringe of the Twilight, (night-
"Dwellers in the Caverns of Obscurity, who arouse terror and shuddering -
"And ye Walkers of the Night whom I will not name - Friends of the Moon , and all ye intangible inhabitants of the World of Night - O Denizens of the Tomb
"All of you approach and be my witnesses and my respondents -
"Let the hand raised against my form be withered! Let them be destroyed who attack my name, my foundations, my effigies, the images like unto me! "

Of Interest to Spiritualists- "For the first time in the history of broadcasting, listeners on Tuesday of last week heard a discussion of spiritualism. Those taking part were Harold Vigurs, President of the Spiritualists Natuonal Union, the Rev. Marcus Knight, Canon of St. Paul's, and E.J. Dingwall, D.Sc., former research officer for the Society for Psychical Research. The debate lasted 30 minutes. Spiritualism has been on the air before - in talks by Sir Oliver Lodge, Lord Dowding, and Ernest Oaten, but this is the first occasion on which spiritualist claims were criticised and defended in a wireless program.

(Psychic News, Lon.,June 26,'48

Horse Claims to be Spirit Guide. Under this heading the same paper (Psychic News) discusses "Lady Wonder", the remarkable horse described by Mary J. Hyde in Round Robin IV-7. Daily Herald correspondent Arthur Webb, accompanied by the English writer Marjorie Tiltman, 'interviewed' Lady Wonder, and Psychic News editor writes it us, says he knows this is the silly season for newspaper stories, but still is impressed and 'wondering'. - - In this connection, editor David Dagmar sends us a clip from L.A. Examiner of Nov. 27, a Ripley cartoon showing the "so-called wonder horse Serrano. Its owner, Clint Brush, offers $500 to Einstein if he can surpass Serrano in mathematics." -- Of course, Lady Wonder does not "claim to be a spirit Guide"... This phenomenon at times seems to be telepathic pick-up from the questioner, but on other occasions telepathy seems definitely ruled out. The replies are definitely NOT amenable to control by suggestion, mental or spoken, and just as certainly are not conveyed by any system of signals, either unconscious or deliberate. Lady will give her opinion on almost any ordinary subject, including predictions, and makes just about as many mistakes in them as the average human. . . The subject is being treated, of course, with humorous scepticism, but its implications are neither humorous nor insignificant, but are as one more door standing a little ajar upon the mysteries of the universe. . . Since the above was written, we have an account from RR friend Mrs. Helen Lotreck, of a recent visit to Lady Wonder, which appears on another page of this issue.

"A dramatic moment occurred in the trial of Richard Zenor, a California trance medium recently charged with violating a Los Angeles anti-fortune telling law, when the defending counsel testified that he personally had been able to identify five or six foreign languages spoken through Zenor, including Latin and Chinese... Judge Doyle, presiding, found no legal conflict between the version given by the police women of the church practises and the stated doctrine, and discharged the defendant."

(Psychic News, Lon. June 5,'48)

"The young man was nonplussed to find his departed grandfather speaking to him in his old fre and easy way ... found it impossible toreply until other sitters urged him to do so ... at last he was able to gasp out, 'What do you do for fun down there, Grandpa? -- 'Well, son', replied grandad, 'when I want fun I just tag around after you'.

(From an account in Psychic News of a trumpet seance at Huntington, in the Allegheny Mountains, USA.6-12-48)

"Spiritualism is frowned upon as the happy hunting ground of the simpleminded," says a well-known French spiritualist, in La Revue Spirite. "In spite of the fact that some of their most brilliant predecessors have openly declared themselves in favor of spiritualist beliefs, scientists give it only absentminded consideration." The writer goes on to criticise the lack of uniformity in the theories advanced by various authorities in their explanations of the simplest facts, and cites as an example the numerous works purporting to be "The Life of Jesus".

And columnist John J. O'Neill, of the N.Y. Herald Tribune, has awakened to the fact that the "energy" involved in ESP experiments does not conform to "the fundamental laws of physical science" by diminishing with the square of the distance, but "operates equally well at three feet, 30 ft., 1,200 ft., and 4,000 miles. Let us remind Mr. O'Neill, 'The problems of any plane can never be fully solved in terms of the plane on which they arise'. This principle has no exceptions - even where the problem concerns the myopia of contemporary science.

CLIPS AND QUOTES:

The Canyon Diablo meteorite crater near Winslow, Ariz., is now found from air photographs to be rectangular - sides almost parallel. (Hartford, Conn. paper.

A huge, luminous, disc-shaped object, seen Oct. 9, 1948, by two observers, over Osage, Weston Co., Wyo., "after several minutes divided in two and then disappeared." (Weston Co. Gazette, Upton, Wyo. These 2 clips from Eva Firestone, Upton).

A mysterious lung affection, with fever, chills, and chest pains, is reported by the American Journal of Public Health. It occurs among workers in a chalk mine in Arkansas, among "people who had been in a cave in Oklahoma in 1943 and another (cave) in Mexico. Examination of air for gases and dusts by public health officials gave no clue to the cause." (Chicago Sun. Trib. Nov. 28, 1948. Clip from Madeline Ertl).

It's no trick to "see faces" in foliage, carpets, wall paper, curtains and what-have-you - but now and then we get hold of a photograph showing dozens of "extras", faces and forms of animals and people not supposed to be there at all, and not easily dismissed as mere fancy. An example comes to hand from Mrs. E.M. Wood of Denver - baby boy on a horse, and a background full of faces. Sceptics should study the 3½ pages given to this subject, under the title Psychic Photography, in Nandor Fodor's Ency - clopedia of Psychic Science, before coming to any too-hasty negative conclusions.

"I saw a small white cloud, the only one in the sky, coming at such rapid speed toward the earth that I called the attention of the other two to it. It stopped dead still; then we saw a wingless airship come part way out of the cloud and stand perfectly still as if on a solid foundation. . There were three figures that looked like men who looked thru the windows. They had on helmets. . . The ship moved back slowly into the cloud and speeded upwards in a northerly direction..." This was over Palm Springs, Calif., back in July 1936. Letter from Mrs Nellie Cruzat of San Diego, to San Diego Union, July 2, 1948. Her husband and brother-in-law observed the phenomenon also.

(We think it important for all students of such matters, to note the great variety of the sky phenomena. The alleged explanation for one occurrence is wholly worthless with respect to the next one. This situation has obtained for many years in the field of psychic phenomena, and now invades the domain of normal observation).

"Two bright objects travelling at great height and tremendous speed passed over Ramona (Calif.) soon after 10:00 ... No sound was heard ... definitely NOT "flying saucers"... visible several minutes and travelling together." (A San Diego paper, July 1948).

Ottawa Evening Citizen, more than a year ago, printed nearly three columns concerning the flying discs, reported from many places in Canada and northern U.S., appearing singly and in groups or formations, often at terrific speed, "roaring like a train" or wholly silent. One of the objects "broke completely in two; the sections continued on for a moment, then disintegrated." (This resembles a dematerialization process). Article ends by saying "nothing in science or atomic studies gives the slightest clue to flying saucers unless the objects are aircraft". Yes - aircraft, ether-craft, space-craft, but Whose, Whence, and Why?

About the "Rainbow City" story, plus the "Ancient Three" and the Discs they are said to have constructed, our only present comment is, that such explanation, if correct, cannot (as yet) account for more than a small part of the phenomena so abundantly reported. Our inquiries so far, concerning Rainbow City, have not brought out anything evidential or verifiable. But this is not a time, nor a world, for hasty and intolerant judgments about anything. Elementary, Watson! Even if some of our most distinguished scientists haven't learned it!

LAST MINUTE NOTATIONS:

Note: from W.C. Hefferlin to Wing Anderson, quoted by permission of Mr. Anderson. (Mr.Hefferlin's address is Apt. 10 - Sterling Rooms, 219½ So.Main St. Livingston, Montana. He is Consultant for the Industrial Laboratory of the Ray-Dox Mfg. Co./Mr. Wing Anderson (Kosmon Press) is Director of the National Psychological Institute, 2208 W. 11th St. Los Angeles 8).

. . . 'Re, the "flying saucers'.. We wish to state that not all current and past ships and what-have-you that have been seen in the skies belong to our group. Our few flights, composed of many ships, were possibly those seen by observers in very late June and around July 4, 1947. They were on a world-wide mapping expedition at that time. Since then, it is extremely doubtful that any of our ships have been seen extensively, or at all. However, for purposes of the BSRA, we refer you to the Sept. 1946 issue of "Amazing Stories", for a description of the "Circle-Winged Plane" and the GHYT MOTOR NO. 1 that powered them. . . In order that you may understand more fully, I refer you to Mrs. Jessie R. Fuller ... * for further details. She handles the bulk of correspondence for the North American Branch of the Brotherhood of AUM. We here are only custodians and advisers to Mrs. Fuller - for the parent organization, whose headquarters are in Rainbow City, Antarctica...'

We have omitted Mrs Fuller's address, since we are informed that she is 'overwhelmed with correspondence'. The persons involved in this matter appear to be Mrs. Fuller, Mr. W.C. Hefferlin, Gladys Hefferlin, "Rani Khatani" (the female member of the "Ancient Three"), "the man called Emery" and his "associates". RR friend Mrs. Frances M. Headen (2107 Grove Ave.,Richmond 20, Va.) makes the following quotation, apparently from the article in Amazing Stories:

> The man we call Emery and his associates built 375 circle-winged planes... they and the space ship have been based either at Rainbow City, Antartica, or in Tibet, ever since. In 1947 they were on an observation tour mapping the terrain where the openings of the ancient tunnels are to be found ...Mss dealing with this are at the publishers.

We hope to have further information concerning this extraordinary story. Meanwhile we ask all BSR Associates to observe carefully the content of Mr. Hefferlin's note to Mr. Anderson, quoted above. He specifically disclaims the idea, that the circle-winged planes of the "Brotherhood of AUM" are responsible for more than a small fraction of the great number and variety of strange sky craft and other sky appearances. The BSR publications have repeatedly asserted that the alleged etheric origin of these phenomena does NOT exclude other craft of tereestial origin: in fact, such invention and construction might fit in very well with increasing contact with the Etheric levels and the acquisition of special knowledge from the latter source. . . We hope that BSR Associates will try to check up all leads in this curious problem and will communicate with us.

Further Memo: Subsequent to an article called "Power" in A.S. Magazine, a letter was printed (in A.S.) addressed to Mr. Hefferlin, from W. Blake Degan, M.D.,D.N.B., 21-01 30th Ave.,Astoria, L.I.,N.Y., acidly insisting that Mr. Hefferlin give the necessary technical information and details, if his "instructions" were genuine." We do not know that any reply to this was ever printed, or made to Dr. Degan. A considerable amount of detailed and authentic data is necessary... As to the Order of AUM, occultists of our own acquaintance seem singularly ignorant of its existence... But perhaps all these matters will be cleared up... RR is indebted to BSR Associate "M.C." for the memo. in this paragraph: "M.C." disclaims any personal information concerning the matter - only comments "Ai-yah! - Chinese for Oh my Gosh!" and says 'it isn't something to be reasoned about - what we need is information.'